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APPLICANTS: Naoyasu MIYAGAWA, et al.
TITLE: OPTICAL RECORDING/REPRODUCING APPARATUS FOR OPTICAL DISKS
WITH VARIOUS DISK SUBSTRATE THICKNESS
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Inventors: Naoyasu MIYAGAWA, et al. Prior Art Unit: 2753
Application No.: Continuation Application Prior Examiner: N. Hindi
of Serial No. 08/396,981,
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For: OPTICAL RECORDING/REPRODUCING APPARATUS FOR
OPTICAL DISKS WITH VARIOUS DISK SUBSTRATE THICKNESS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-24, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims:

--86. An optical recording/reproducing apparatus for recording, reproducing or erasing an information signal onto/from any one of N types (where $N \geq 2$) of optical discs having transparent substrates of different thicknesses, each type of said optical discs having at least said transparent substrate and an information layer, by converging a light flux onto said information layer through said transparent substrate, said apparatus comprising:

at least one light emitting means for emitting a light flux;

a converging means having different numerical apertures for converging said light flux on said information layer of corresponding one of said N types of optical discs loaded in said